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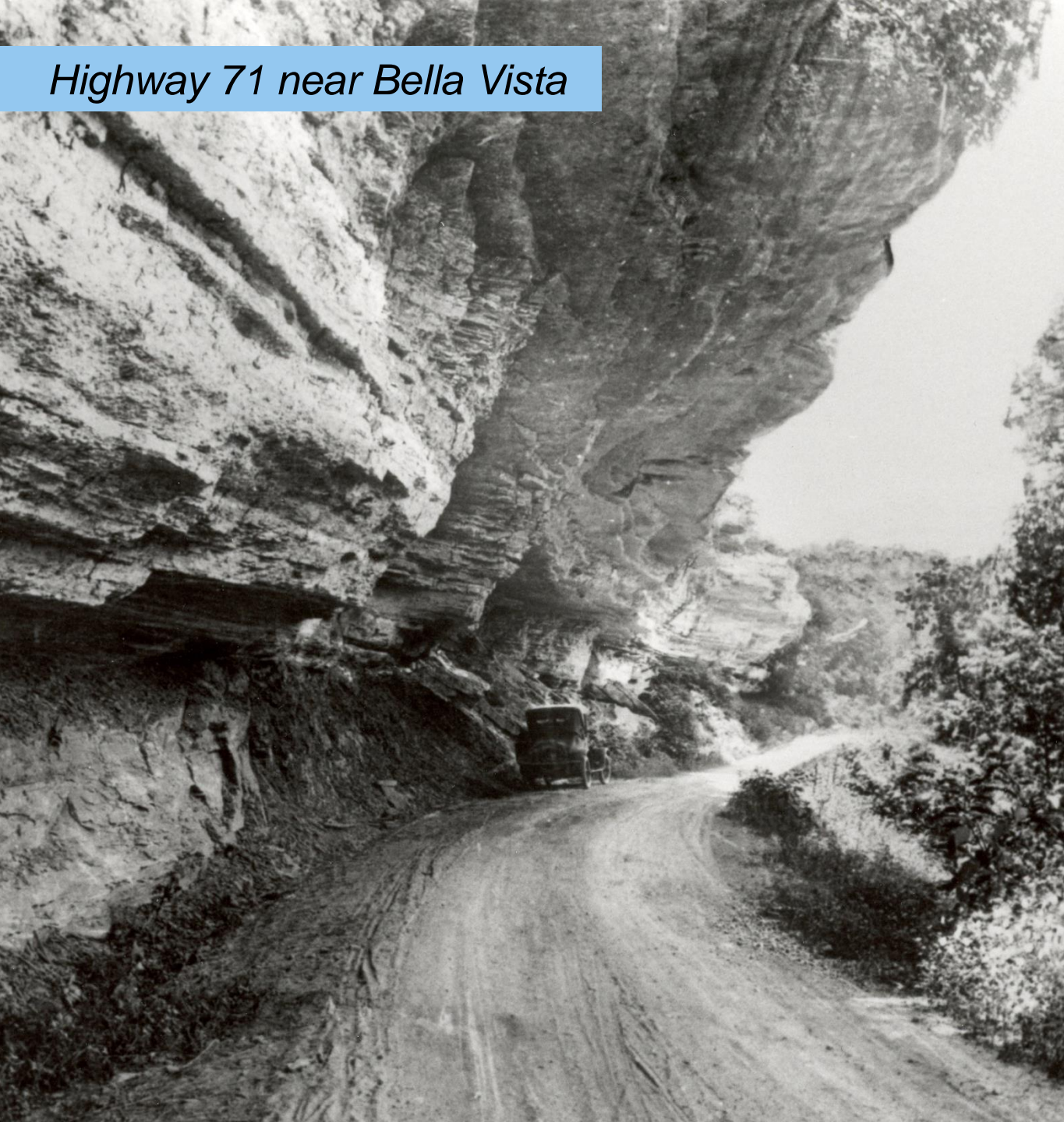
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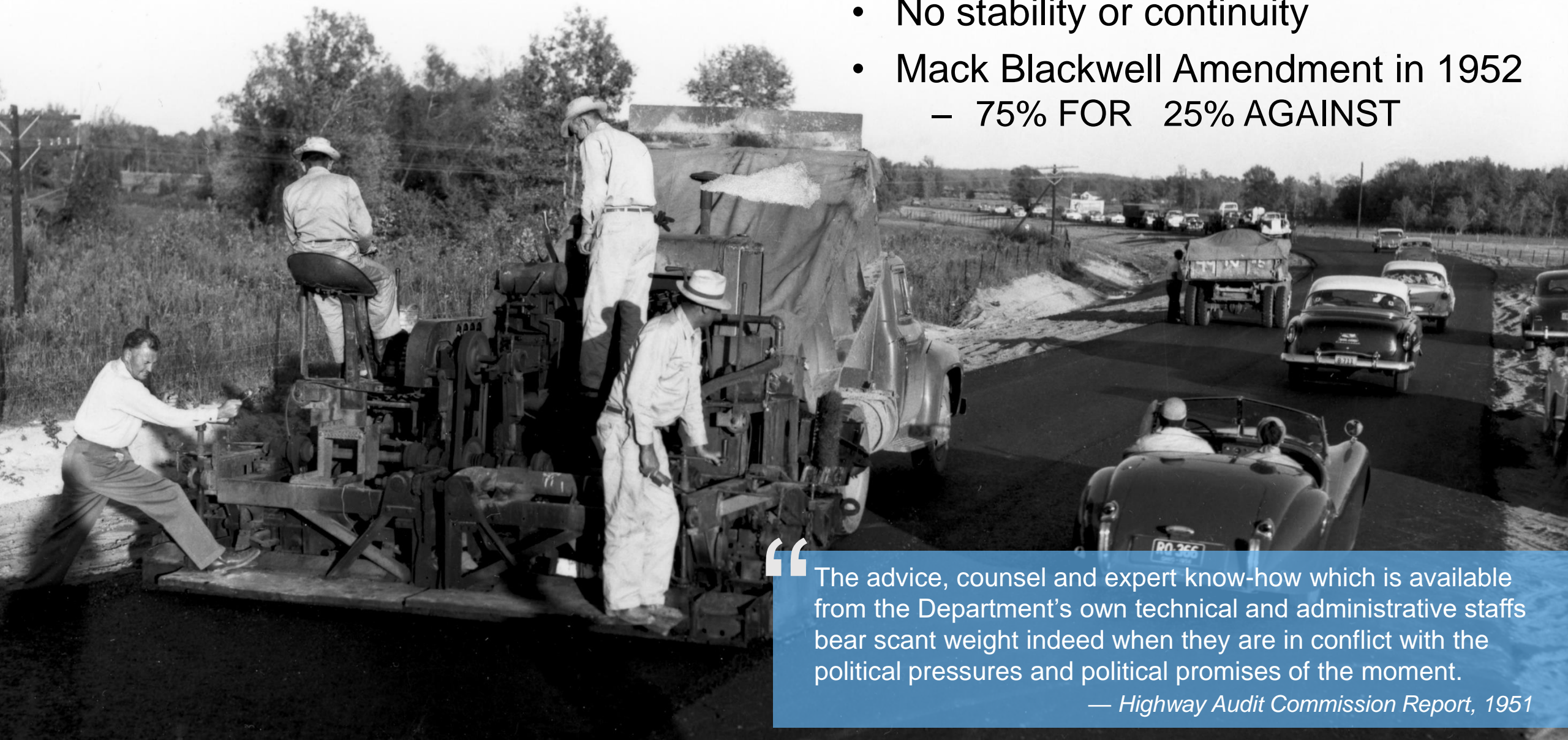
Highway 71 near Bella Vista



- First Commission created
 - No Highway Department
 - No Highway System
- 3,600 Vehicles
- \$72,000 total budget

Widening Hwy 67 near Malvern, 1956

- Nine Legislative Acts restructured Commission since 1913
- No stability or continuity
- Mack Blackwell Amendment in 1952
 - 75% FOR 25% AGAINST



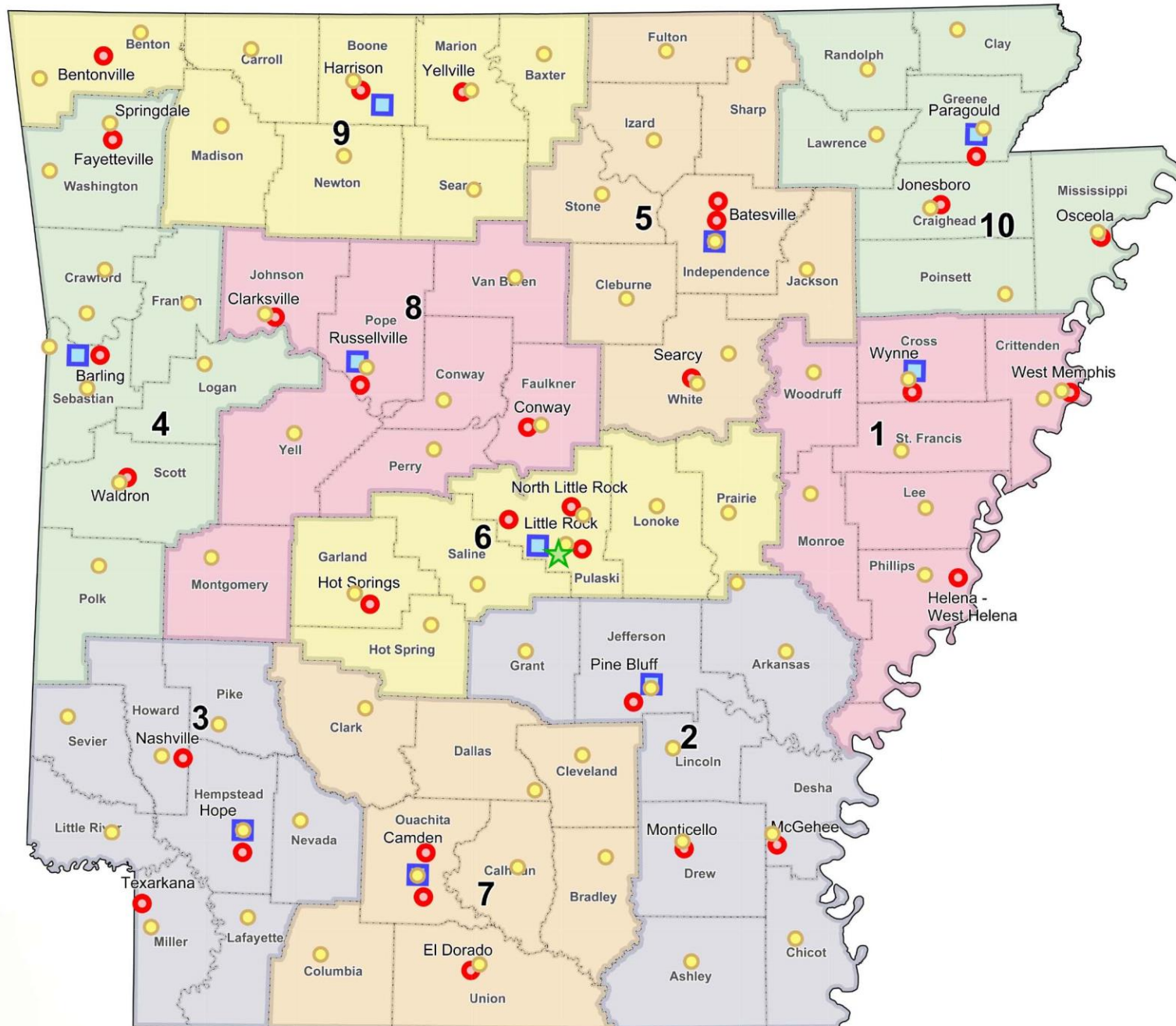
“ The advice, counsel and expert know-how which is available from the Department's own technical and administrative staffs bear scant weight indeed when they are in conflict with the political pressures and political promises of the moment.

— Highway Audit Commission Report, 1951



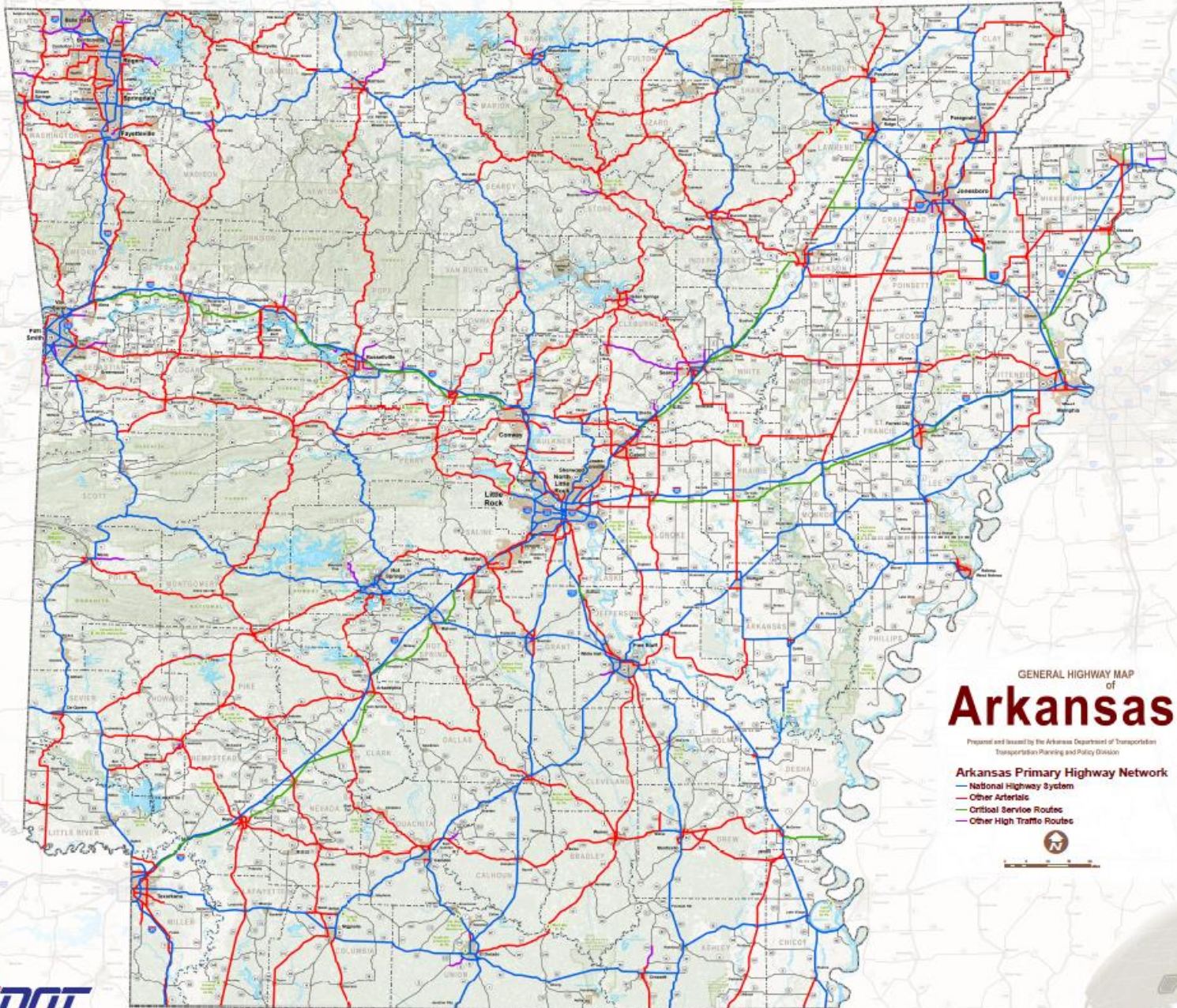
ARDOT Quick Facts

- 3rd Largest State Agency
- Approximately 3,700 Employees
- Maintain 16,418 miles of Highway and 7,335 Bridges
- Central Offices in Little Rock
- 10 Districts Statewide



District Map

- ★ Central Offices
- District Headquarters
- Resident Engineer Offices
- Area Headquarters/Maintenance Facility



GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
of
Arkansas

Prepared and issued by the Arkansas Department of Transportation
Transportation Planning and Policy Division

Arkansas Primary Highway Network

- National Highway System
- Other Arterials
- Critical Service Routes
- Other High Traffic Routes



Every Arkansan Wins!

ACT 416 of 2019

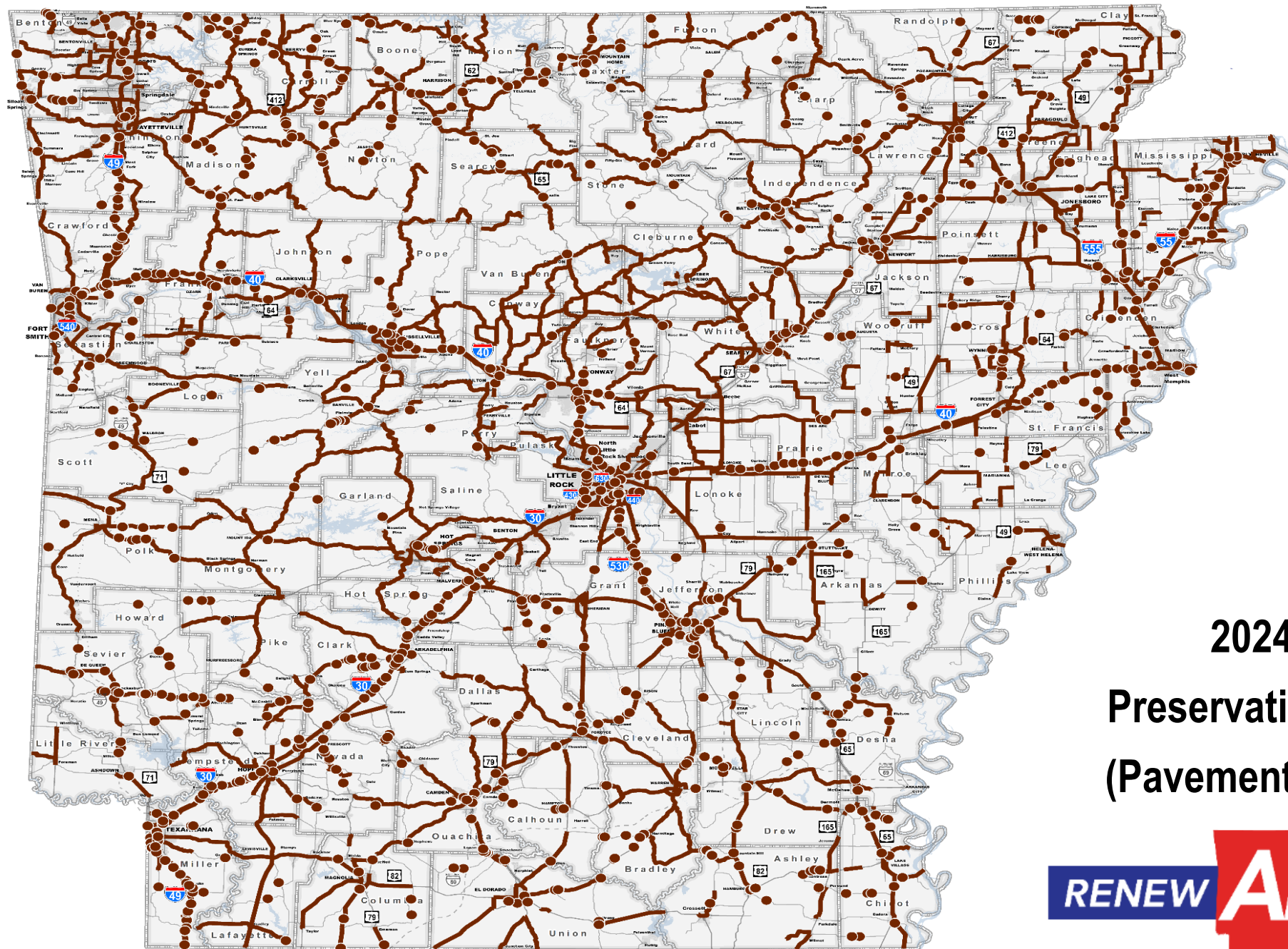
Maintain Existing Highways

- \$95 million – State Highways
- \$13 million – County Roads
- \$13 million – City Streets

ISSUE 1

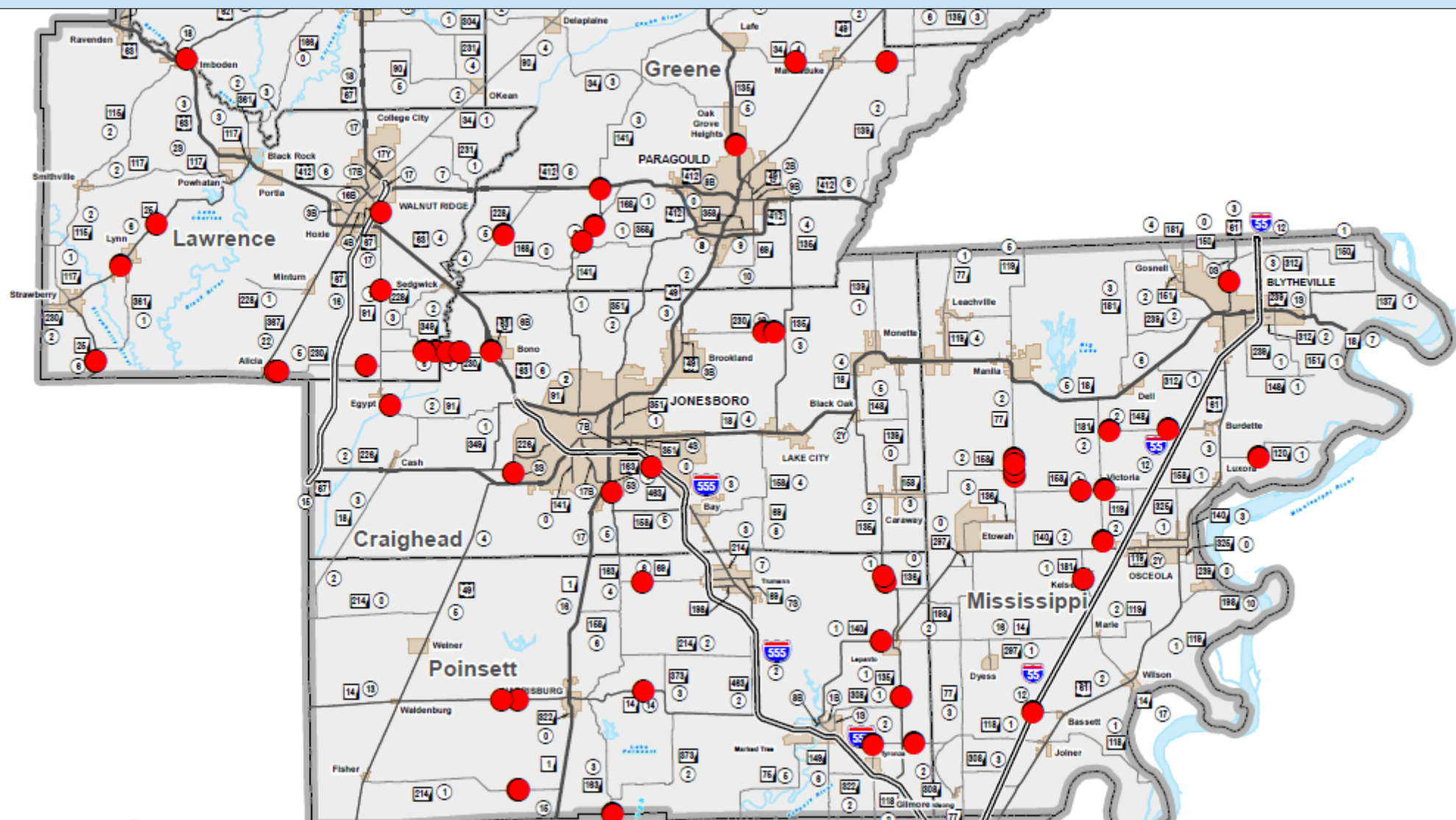
- Highways, Roads, and Bridges
- 70% (\$206 M) State Highways
- 15% (\$44 M) County Roads
- 15% (\$44 M) City Streets





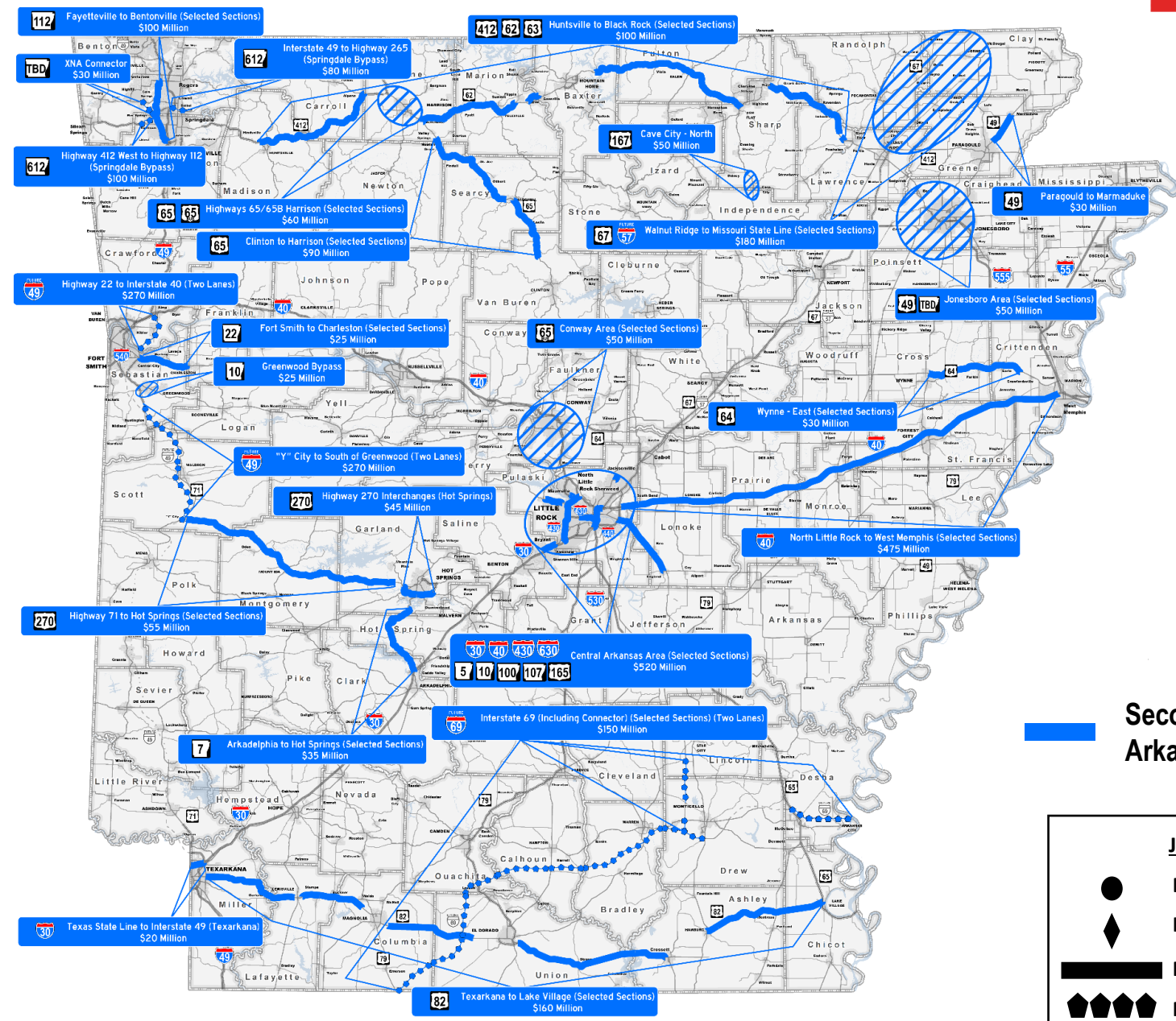
2024-2033
Preservation Projects
(Pavement & Bridges)





Second Connecting Arkansas Program

- Capital and Congestion Relief
- \$3.6 Billion - 20 years
- July 2023



Second Connecting Arkansas Program

Job Type

●

Bridge

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Interchange

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Roadway

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New Location

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



Roads and
Bridges
\$110B



Electric Grid
Upgrade
\$73B



Passenger
and Freight
Rail
\$66B



Broadband
\$65B



Improved
Water
Quality
\$55B



Climate
Change
Protection
\$50B



Airports
& Ports
\$42B



Public
Transit
\$39B



Environmental
Clean-Up
\$21B



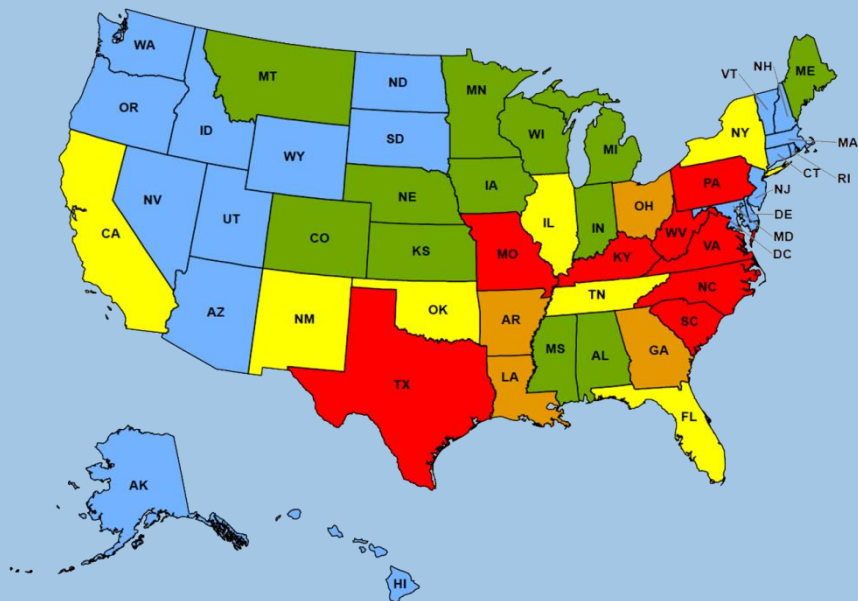
Electric
Vehicles
\$15B



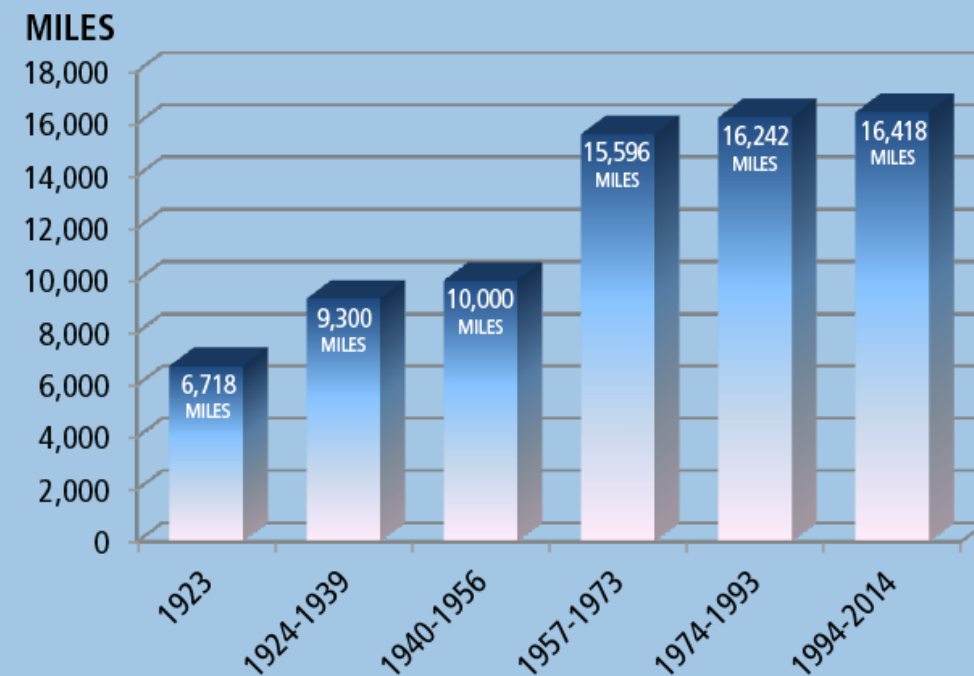
Transportation
Safety
\$11B



Reconnecting
Communities
\$1B



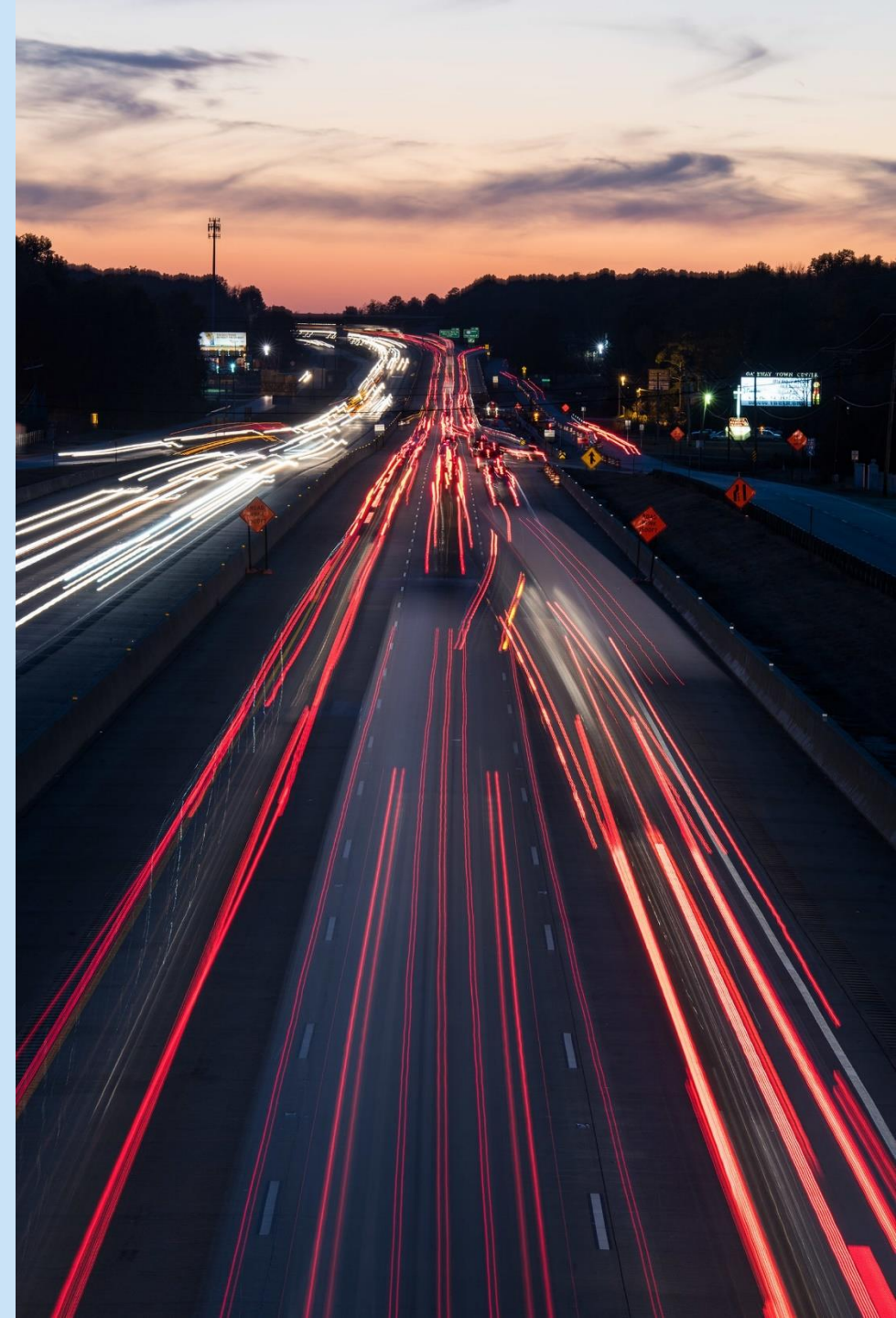
GROWTH OF THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM



Arkansas ranks 12th
in number of miles at
16,411 miles

Craighead County Project Summary

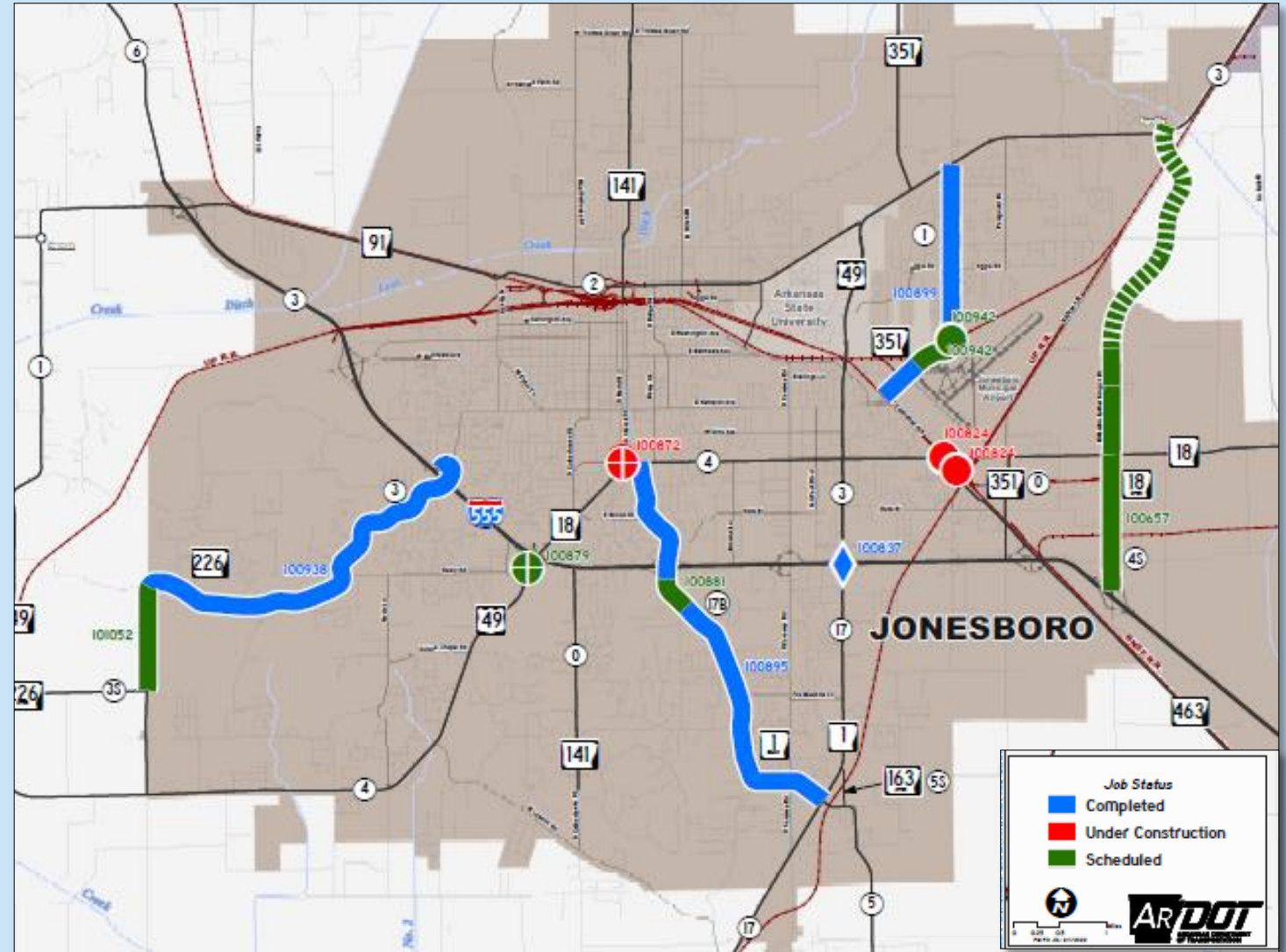
- **Completed:**
 - \$240 million
 - 216 miles
- **Under Construction:**
 - \$70 million
 - 20 miles
- **Scheduled:**
 - \$110 million
 - 50 miles



Partnering in Jonesboro

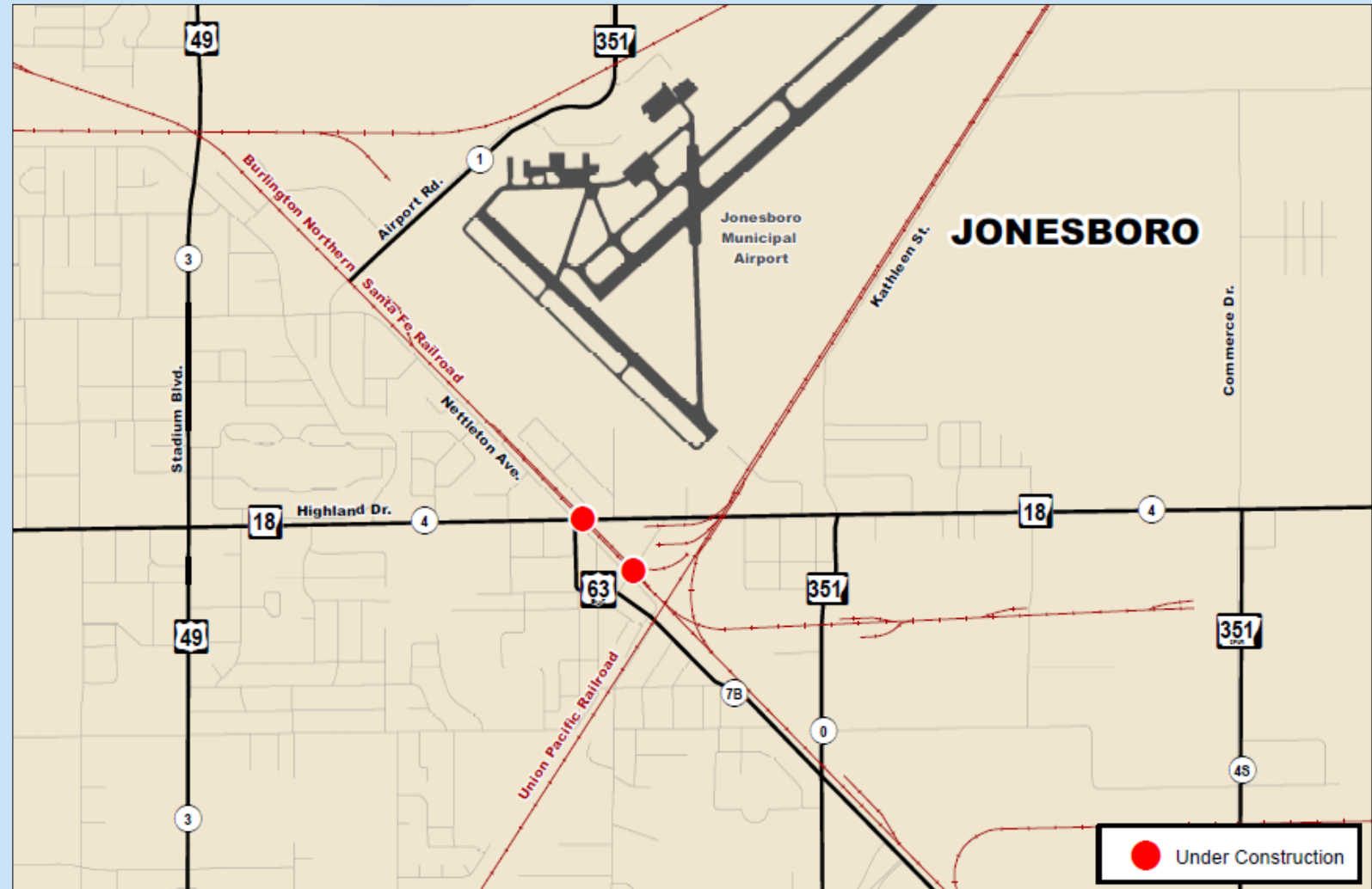
The City has committed \$7.8M for 11 Projects.

- **Four Projects Completed**
- **Two Under Construction**
- **Five Projects Scheduled**



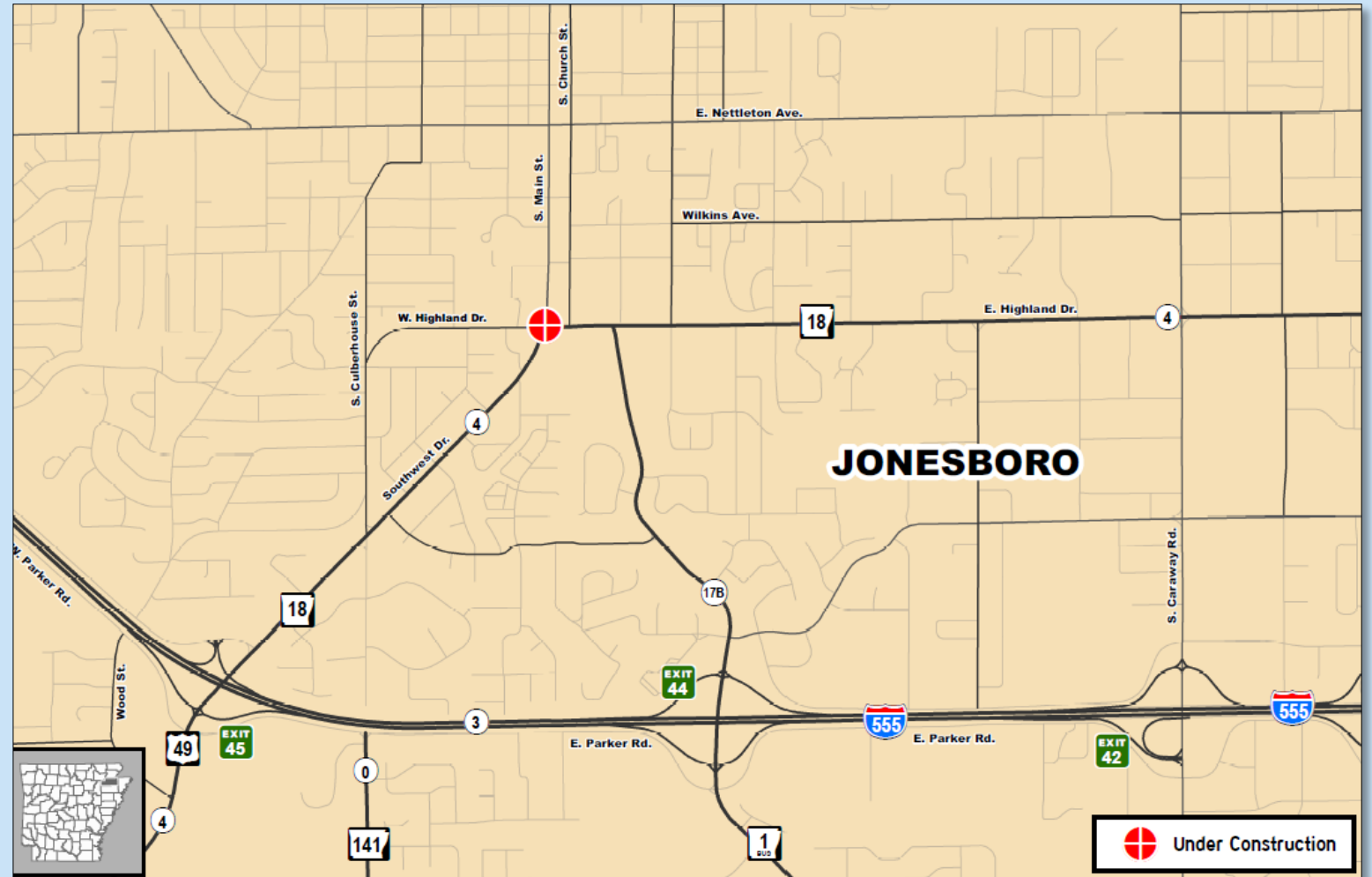
BNSF Railroad Overpasses

- RR Grade Separation
- Two New Overpasses
 - Highway 18
 - Watt Street



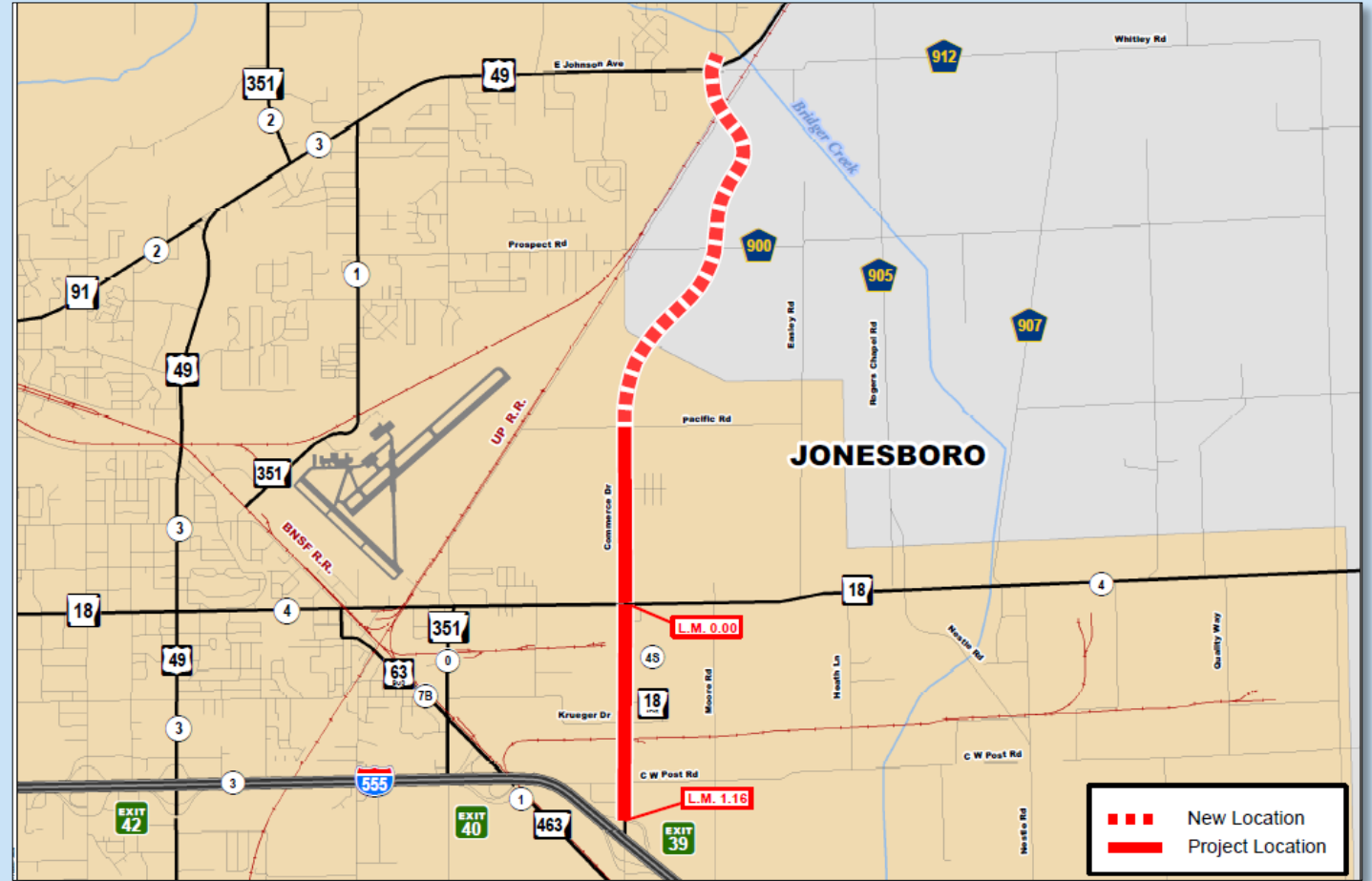
Highway 18

- Intersection Improvements
- Highway 18/Main Street/Highland Drive
- City Paying for Construction



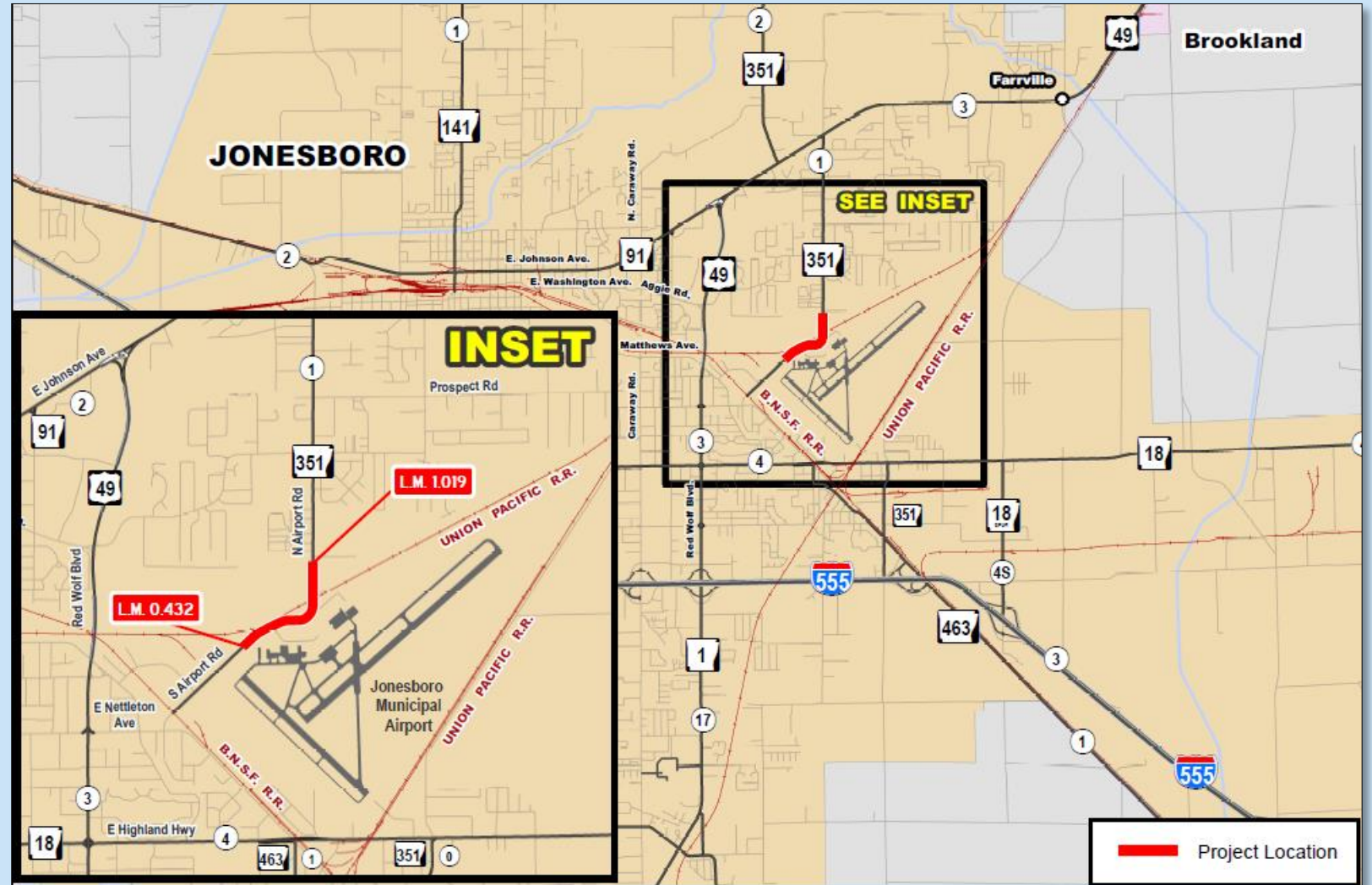
I-555 – Highway 49

- New Location
- City to take Ownership Highway 141 south of (I-555) and Highway 226 southwest upon completion of project
- Commerce has changed to MLK



Route 351

- Railroad Overpass (Airport Road)
- City will Match Federal Funds up to \$1,400,000



Highway 49 – Parker Road

- Intersection Improvements
- Design handled by the City
- Scheduled to be let in late 2022



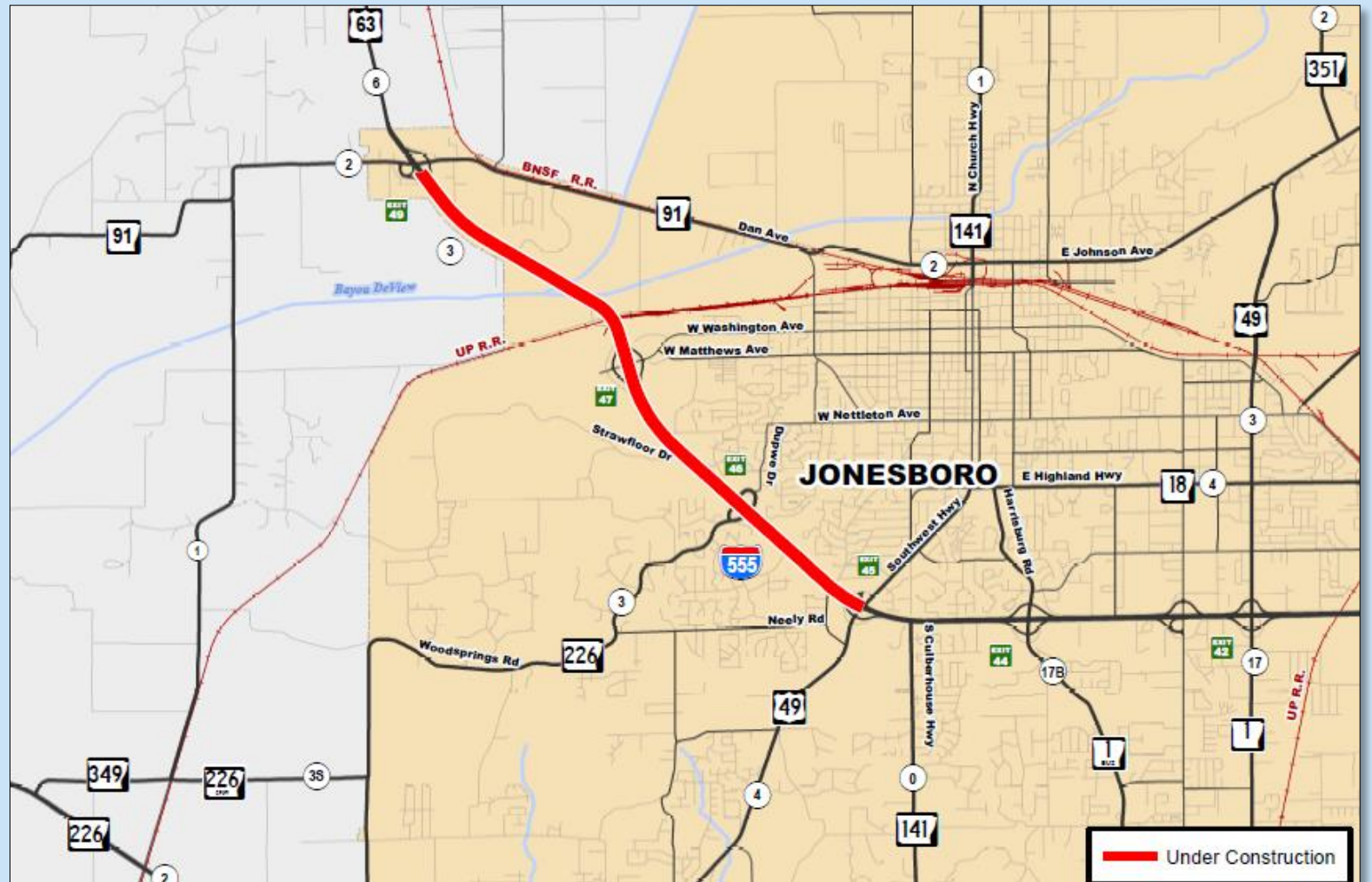
Route 1B

- Major Widening
- City will match federal funds
- Scheduled for late 2022



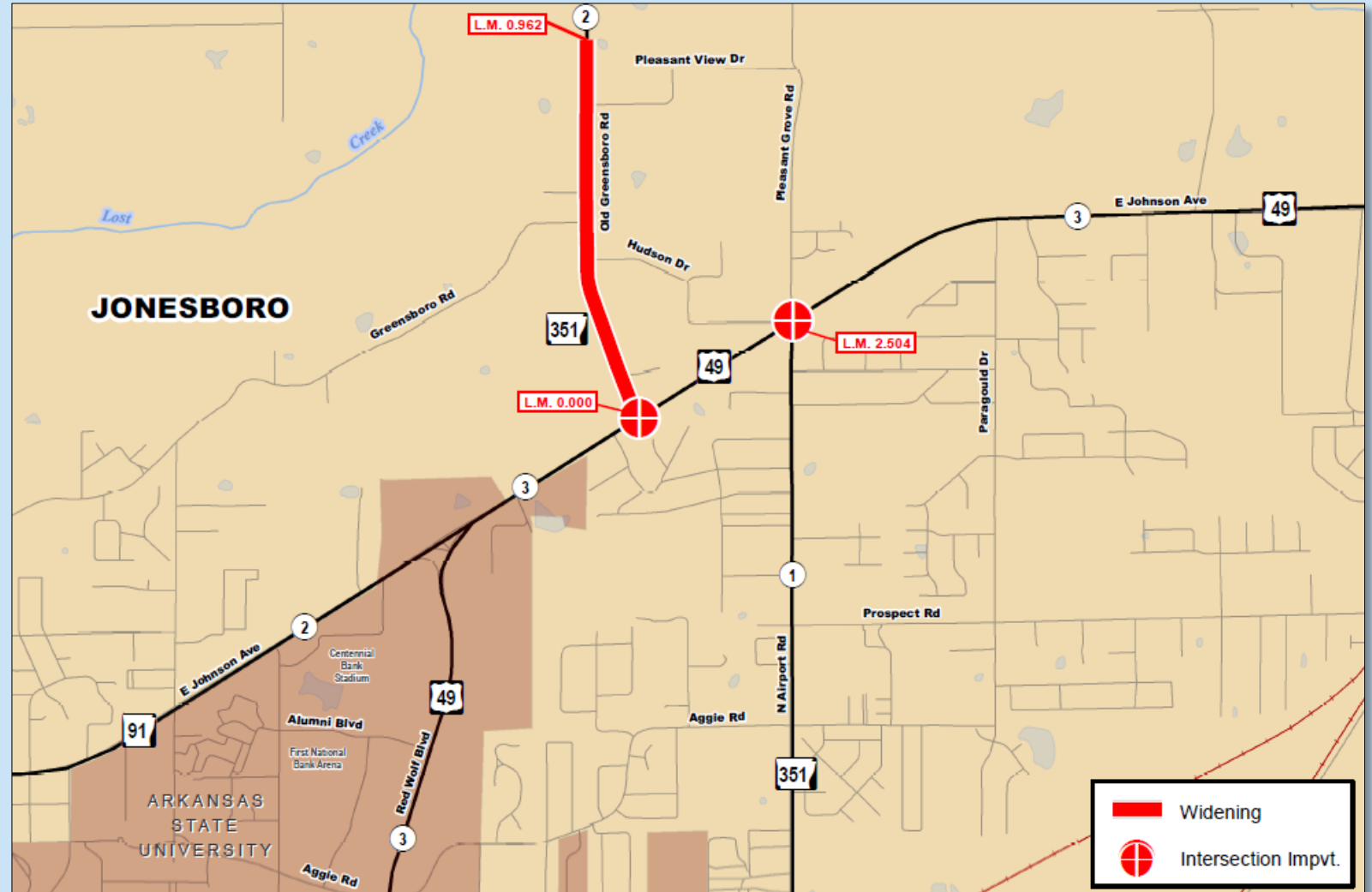
Highway 49 – Highway 91

- 4.7 miles
- \$38.1 million
- Est. Completion:
Late 2023



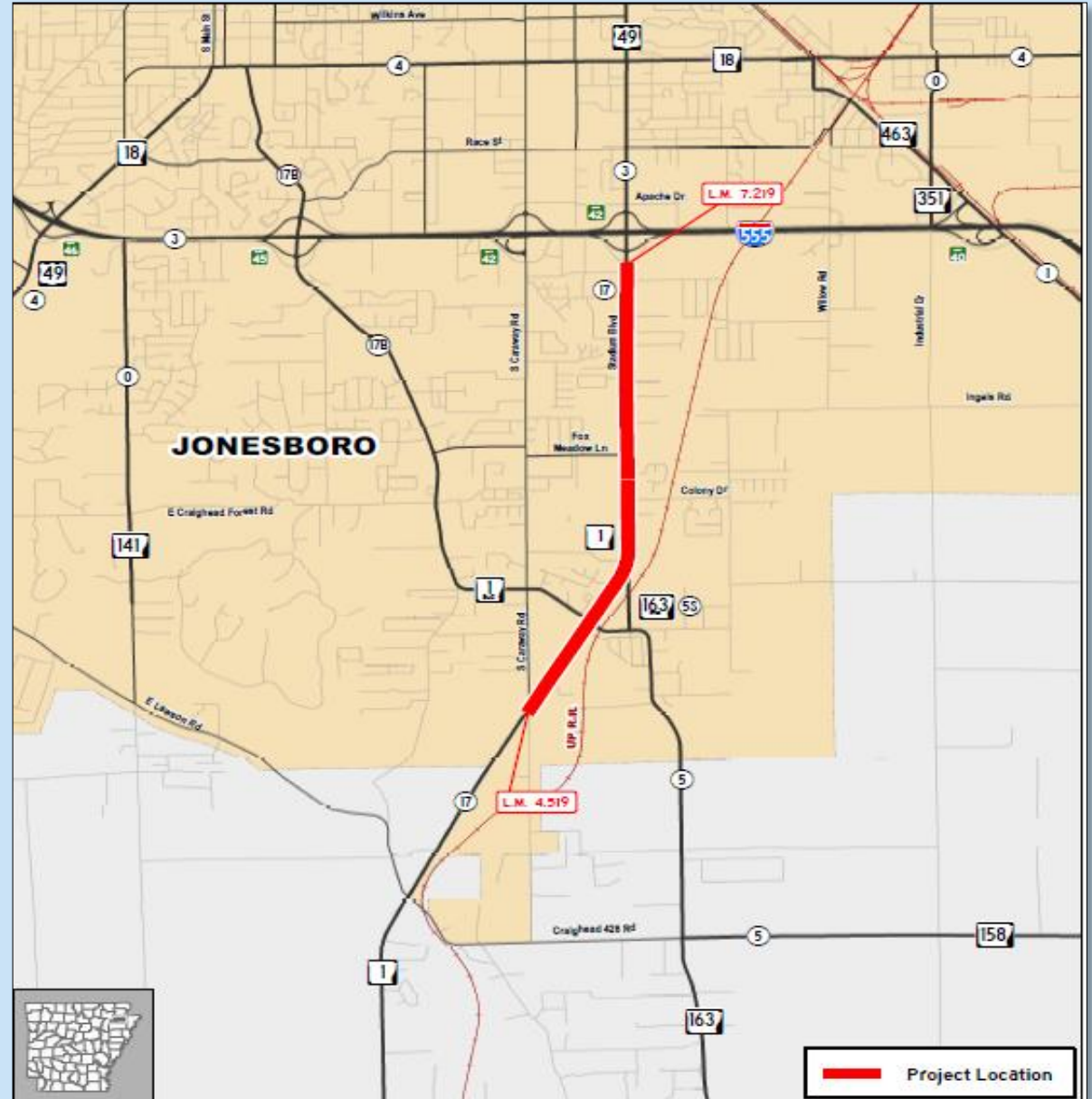
Highway 351

- Improvements to both Hwy. 351 Inters.
- Major Widening – Hwy. 351 North

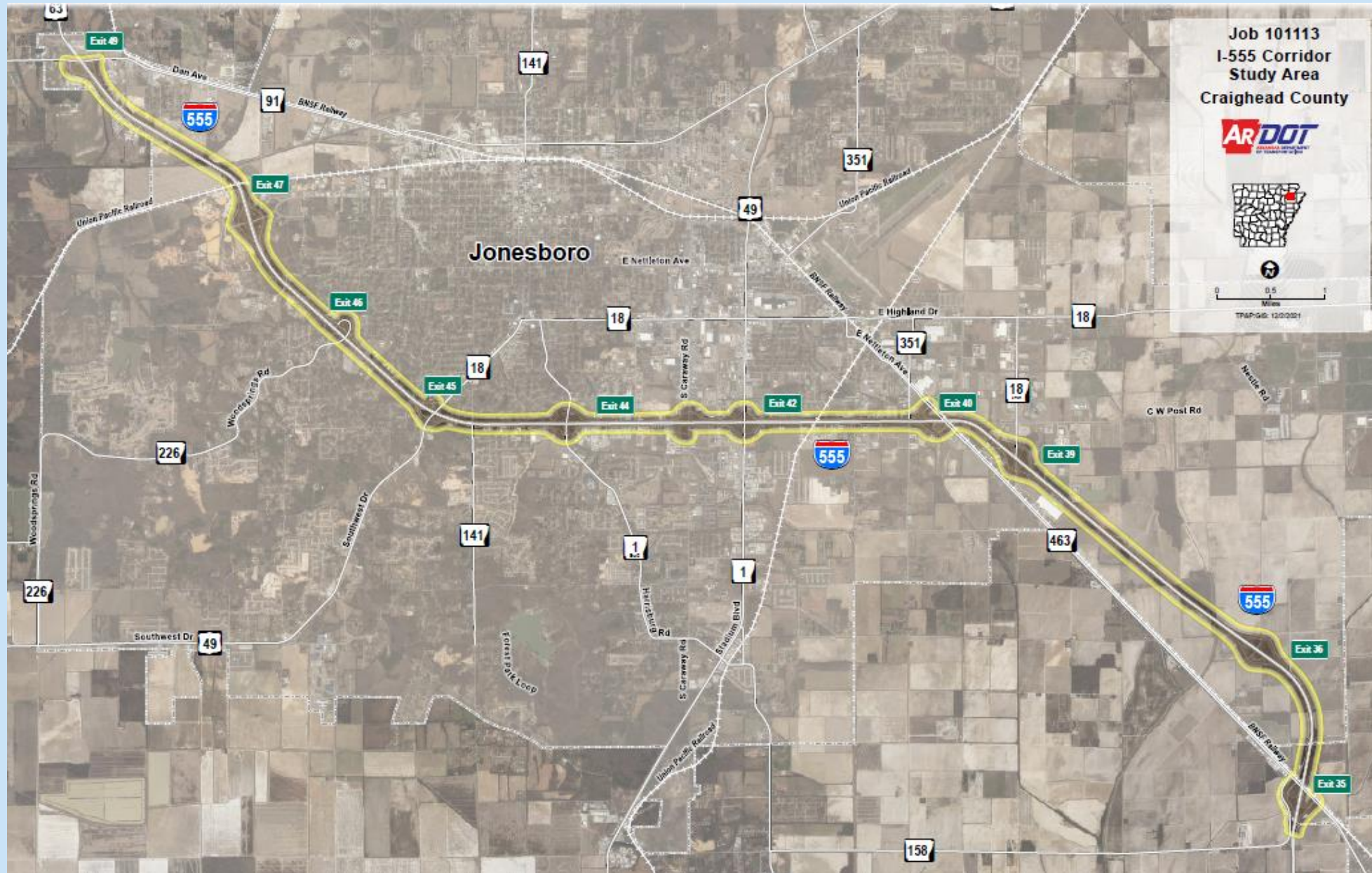


Hwy. 1: Caraway Rd. – I-555

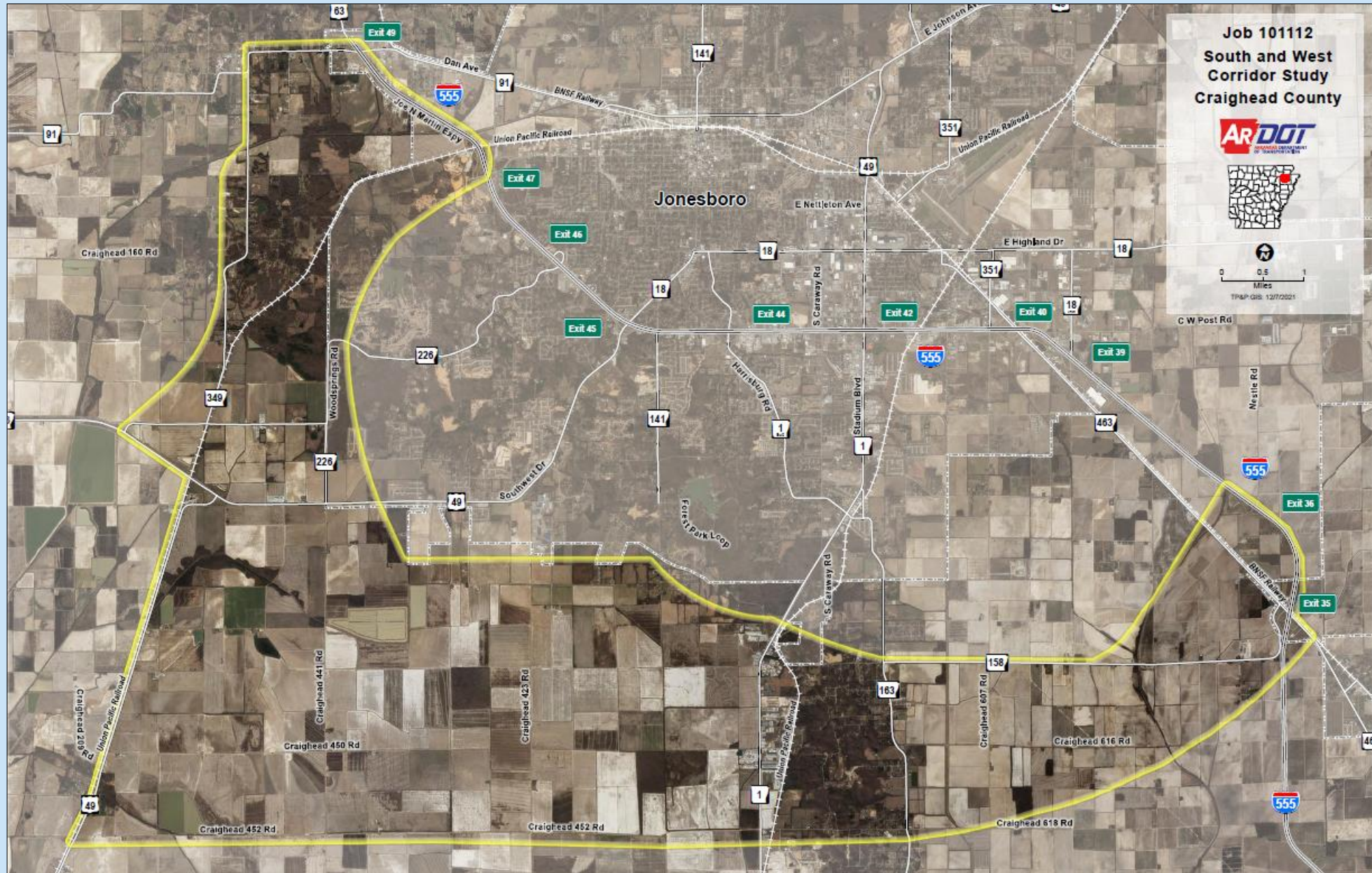
- Major Widening
- 2.8 miles
- \$15 - \$20 million



Interstate 555 Study



South and West Arterial Study





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